

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-12 (shown below with respect to its former amendments) as shown below:

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--This application is a continuation-in-part of application 09/491,534, filed January 26, 2000, entitled Data Transmission by Watermark Proxy (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of copending application 09/473,396, filed December 28, 1999 entitled Watermark-Based Object Linking and Embedding (now patent 6,577,746, herein incorporated by reference). This application is also a continuation-in-part of copending application 09/476,686, filed December 30, 1999, entitled Watermark-Based Personal Audio Appliance, the disclosure of which is attached as Appendix B. This application also claims the benefit ~~is also a continuation-in-part~~ of application 60/134,782, filed May 19, 1999, the disclosure of which is attached as Appendix C.--